

63 (new). The method, as set forth in claim 60, wherein step (c) comprises the step of depositing the impurity continuously during step (b).

64 (new). The method, as set forth in claim 60, wherein step (c) comprises the step of depositing the impurity intermittently during step (b).

65 (new). The method, as set forth in claim 60, wherein the conductive material comprises aluminum, wherein the impurity is derived from TiCl_4 , and wherein the impurity is deposited after 70% of the conductive material has been deposited.

REMARKS

Claims 2-29 have been canceled without prejudice, and Applicants have added new claims 30-65. Consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.


If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

General Authorization for Extensions of Time

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby provide a general authorization to treat this and any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Furthermore, Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the appropriate fee for any extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-3092; Order No. MCRO:199--3/FLE (95-0057.03).

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 10, 2001



Michael G. Fletcher
Reg. No. 32,777
FLETCHER, YODER & VAN SOMEREN
P.O. Box 692289
Houston, TX 77070-2289
(281) 970-4545